

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09955.0047-01000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Frédéric FORTIN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3733
	)	
Application No.: 10/760,075	)	Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.
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Filed: January 18, 2004	)	
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For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL	)	Confirmation No.: 1916
LINKING DEVICE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

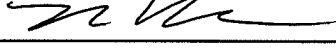
Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office  
Action of April 18, 2008. A fee of \$1,110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached  
reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 17, 2008

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